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SUBJECT; GOJ STANDS FAST ON NEW ZEALAND DEMAND

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- 1. ACCORDING TO PRESS, JAPANESE AGRICULTURE-FORESTRY VICE MINISTER OKAWARE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN DISCUSSION WITH NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR MILLER MARCH 9 CONCERNING NEW ZEALAND'S DEMAND THAT JAPAN BUY MORE BEEF AND FARM PRODUCTS IN RETURN FOR ACCESS TO NEW ZEALAND'S 200-MILE FISHERY ZONE (REFTEL):
- -- GOJ HAS NO INTENTION OF MAKING ANY FURTHER CONCESSIONS REGARDING PRESENT MARKET-ACCESS-FOR-FISH STALEMATE;
- -- FISHERIES AGENCY HAS ISSUED DIRECTIVE TO JAPANESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FISHING BOATS TO PREPARE TO LEAVE AREA WHEN NEW ZEALAND FISHERY ZONE GOES INTO EFFECT APRIL 1;

- -- TOKYO WILL NOT ASK WELLINGTON TO SEND A TOP LEADER TO JAPAN FOR TALKS ON ANY NEW PROPOSALS; AND
- -- GOJ HOPED GNZ WOULD RECONSIDER PROPOSAL MADE THROUGH

FORMER AGRICULTURE-FORESTRY MINISTER ZENKO SUZUKI LAST MONTH (REFTEL).

2. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (MAF) AND NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY SOURCES CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORTS. MAF SOURCE SAID GOJ WAS WAITING FOR WELLINGTON TO MAKE NEXT MOVE, EXPRESSING VIEW THAT GNZ LEADERS DID NOT FULLY APPRECIATE FINALITY OF OFFER MADE BY SUZUKI LAST MONTH OR ITS POTENTIAL BENEFITS. NEW ZEALAND EMBOFF, HOWEVER, REAFFIRMED HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT IT WAS UP TO JAPAN TO MAKE NEW PROPOSAL. SHERMAN

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